



**SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY DIALOGUE
“ENGAGING PARLIAMENTS IN THE SUMMITS OF THE AMERICAS’ PROCESS”**

PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
PORT-OF-SPAIN, TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
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FINAL STATEMENT

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We, Parliamentarians, gathered at the Special Parliamentary Dialogue hosted by the Parliament of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and FIPA on April 16, 2009 in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago:

1. Encourage partnership between parliamentarians and the Executive branch in the implementation of the Declaration of Commitment of Port of Spain, to be adopted by Heads of States and Governments of the Americas at the Fifth Summit.
2. Encourage Governments to recognize the great diversity of the various countries of the hemisphere in the implementation of the Declaration.
3. Assert that increased parliamentary participation in the Summits of the Americas’ Process will lead to accountability and greater transparency.
4. Call on Governments to ensure that the Organization of the American States will be supported financially in order to monitor the implementation of the Summit Declaration and carry out the mandates entrusted to it.
5. Express our will to participate on a continual basis in the Summit of the Americas’ Process through FIPA.